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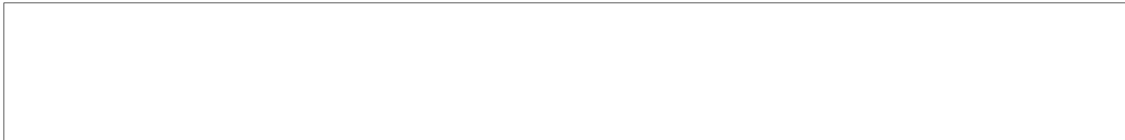


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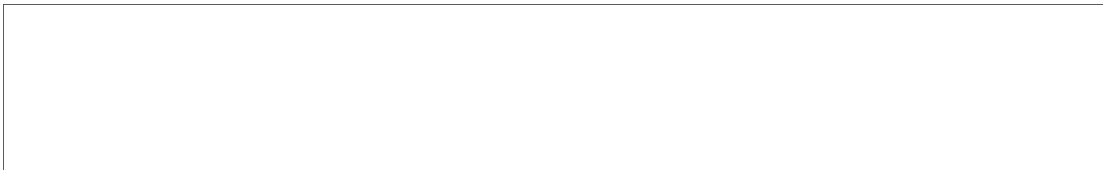
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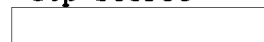


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POLAND: More Demonstrations Planned

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*Strikes and demonstrations called for this weekend and later in the month may lead to more violence.*

[redacted] Solidarity activists are circulating leaflets calling for demonstrations in Warsaw and other cities tomorrow, the Soviet anniversary of VE Day. Other leaflets call for a 15-minute nationwide strike on Thursday and a general strike on 25 May. Party officials are working hard to prevent these demonstrations. [redacted]

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The US defense attache reports increased police presence but mostly normal military activity in the Warsaw area. He sighted an additional 1,500 troops and increased numbers of tanks and vehicles in one garrison but suggested that the soldiers were engaged in preparations for a VE-Day parade. [redacted]

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[redacted] US Embassy officers visiting Szczecin described the cities as "armed camps," patrolled by police in riot gear and soldiers with bared bayonets. [redacted]

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Comment: With the turnout at the demonstrations this week as a warning, the regime is justifiably concerned about popular response to Solidarity's calls for open opposition, and party and security officials will be under pressure to prevent demonstrations. [redacted]

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IRAN-IRAQ: Iranian Offensive Resumes

The Iranians claim to have reached the border along a 17-kilometer front northwest of Basra. They say that they repelled Iraqi counterattacks on Thursday and then resumed their own offensive, overrunning an Iraqi armored division yesterday.

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Comment: //The Iraqis are extremely vulnerable to further Iranian attacks. If Iran's claims of captured territory are true--as they have been in the past--the Iranians now can move south to cut the main road to Khorramshahr and isolate Iraqi units there, or they can drive northwest to threaten the supply lines of the two Iraqi divisions west of Ahvaz. The Iranians also are in position to advance toward Basra, Iraq's second-largest city, which is only some 25 kilometers distant. There is no indication, however, that they are planning to move into Iraq.

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USSR-GREECE: Involvement in Peace Activities

//The Soviets reportedly are pleased with preparations for the "Ten Day Peace" activities in Greece, which begin on 15 May.

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Comment: The main demonstration is now scheduled for 16 May, but the organizers may reschedule it to coincide with Secretary of State Haig's visit on 15 May. The Soviets hope that through grass-roots cooperation on such issues the pro-Moscow Communist Party will gain some leverage over the government, which so far has not substantially changed Greek foreign policy. They may foment some impressive demonstrations in Athens, but they are unlikely to have much influence on the foreign policy of the government.

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